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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 1, line 24 and ending at page 2, line 17 as

follows:

— Currently, photographs are used in personal authentication of driver's licenses and passports. Photographs attached to driver's licenses and passports allow quick comparison and discrimination with lineaments of the driver's license or passport holders. However, when driver's licenses and passports have long valid periods, the lineaments change during such periods, and it often becomes difficult to discriminate. Taking a passport having a valid period of 10 years as an example, the lineament of a given person may change drastically upon growing up from a child to an adult or due to aging so one can only guess "what he or she used to be". The lineament changes due to not only an elapse of time but also various factors such

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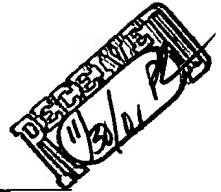
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## NOTES/COMMENTS:

We are forwarding herewith a Preliminary Amendment in the application of Nobuko Yamamoto et al. Serial No. 09/942,003 for AUTHENTICATION CERTIFICATE, AUTHENTICATION CERTIFICATE ISSUANCE SYSTEM, AND AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM filed August 29, 2001; in Group 2161.

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